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In the Manner of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

The American Telemedicine Association hereby submits the name of Jay Sanders, M.D., as our nomination to serve an additional term on the board of directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors. His board position would be to represent rural health care providers.

Dr. Sanders is CEO of the Global Telemedicine Group in McLean, Virginia and has been active in telemedicine for many years. He holds the title of President Emeritus of ATA and is recognized as a national authority on this issue. He has considerable experience in rural telemedicine, having run the Georgia telemedicine system and been an advisor with many other telemedicine systems. A brief bio for Dr. Sanders is enclosed.

Dr. Sanders has already served several terms on the Rural Health Care and Universal Service Administrative Boards and has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Corporation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you.

Jonathan D. Linkous
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Biography: Jay H. Sanders, MD

Dr. Jay H. Sanders is President and CEO of The Global Telemedicine Group, Immediate Past President of the American Telemedicine Association, Vice Chairman & Treasurer of the Rural Health Care Corporation, a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Universal Service Administrative Company, Professor of Medicine (Adjunct) at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and Visiting Professor, Yale University School of Medicine. He was formerly Professor of Medicine and Surgery and Director of the Telemedicine Program at the Medical College of Georgia, where he held the Eminent Scholar Chair in Telemedicine. He is a member of the Board of Directors and founding member of the American Telemedicine Association, Senior Advisor to NASA on Telemedicine, and directs the U.S. telemedicine initiatives to the G-7 nations. He serves on the Department of Defense Telemedicine Board of Directors, and is a consultant to WHO on Health Telematics. He previously served as a member of the FCC Telemedicine Advisory Committee, and member of the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Science Telemedicine Evaluation Committee.

He earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School Magna Cum Laude and was a member of AOA. After medical school he did his residency training at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he was Chief Medical Resident, and did a research fellowship in Immunology at the National Institutes of Health. In 1970, Dr. Sanders joined the University of Miami School of Medicine, where he attained the rank of Professor of Medicine, and became Chief of Medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital, the largest teaching hospital in the Southeastern United States. Prior to becoming Chief of Medicine, he headed the Medical Intensive Care Unit, the Medical House Staff Program and the Medical Division of the Emergency Department. Dr. Sanders established the concept of, and developed, the first Division of General Medicine in any medical school and was Chief of that Division.

Dr. Sanders has spent the majority of his professional career involved in teaching and health care research. He has also spent over 30 years in the development and implementation of telecommunications and information technologies as a means of addressing the problems relating to quality, cost, and access to care that now plague our health care system. He designed the telemedicine system for the state of Georgia that interfaces with rural hospitals, public health facilities, correctional institutions, ambulatory health care centers, military bases and public school classrooms. He also initiated a U.S. embassy telemedicine health care delivery system, as well as a project that allows for "electronic house calls" in which patients are cared for in their homes and the elderly in nursing homes. The author of numerous articles on telemedicine, he is a senior editor of the *Telemedicine Journal* as well as being on the editorial boards of *Telemedicine Newsletter*, *Telemedicine Report*, *The Telemedicine Connection*, *Telemedicine and Telehealth Networks* and *Telemedicine and Virtual Reality*, and also an editor of the recent book *Telemedicine: Theory and Practice*, a Charles C. Thomas publication. He is a consultant in telemedicine for many academic medical centers, state and foreign governments, public institutions and industry.